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More UFO 'Rubies' Spotted

Red lights, rubies, dots, or whatever, more people are admitting to having seen something strange in the sky yesterday morning.

Mick Marino of Spear St., Quincy, a truck driver for Stop and Shop, said he didn't report what he saw earlier because he thought people would think he was crazy. But after reading a story in the Patriot Ledger yesterday about the unidentified flying objects, he decided to let someone know he had seen the lights also.

"They were going like hell," Mr. Marino said, claiming that he spotted three "red rubies" flashing across the sky while driving on Route 95 at about 4 a.m. yesterday about 10 miles outside Providence, R.I.

"They were moving so fast, they just couldn't have been a plane. They were just going too fast,"he repeated.

"I was in the Air Force for four years and I never believed in UFO's, but now I do."

He said he saw three lights for about 15 seconds before they disappeared. "Those things must have been of tremendous size for those police officers to have seen them at the same time.

Rick Howland, night editor of the Patriot Ledger's West edition in Norwood, also admitted to seeing the strange lights.

"I was driving north on Route I-95 heading toward Route 128, about one mile south of the cutoff just before 4 a.m.

" I was following a heavily loaded tractor-trailer rig, perhaps a little too closely, when I noticed a glimmer of light reflecting off the lens of my glasses, he said.

"On closer scrutiny, it appeared to be a group of reddish-yellow lights, something like running lights on a large plane. The path of the lights appeared to be much like a plane in a gradual but rapid descent. The glow was about 30 degrees off the horizon and appeared to be dipping slightly toward earth. It looked like an airplane approach but was moving too radidly, too fast, I thought at the time for a landing.

"Suddenly, the group of lights split in their trajectory. There were three maybe four lights, each having a tail for a brief time.

"The tails faded, leaving three individual glows of equal magnitude and evenly spaced. None fell or deviated from the straight line and their speed was constant, but very fast," he continued.

"They were visible, or I should say, I was aware of them for 15 to 20 seconds.

"Then suddenly they disappeared. They didn't fade, they just disappeared. I stopped my car about a half a mile short of Route 128, got out and searched the sky, but the lights were gone.

Special Norwood police officer, Neville"Rusty" Booth of Wrentham, who patrols Norwood High School saw the same sight.

" I had gone outside the school and found a gate opened, so I went to look around. As I did so, I looked up in the sky and saw a light, a red light with a long tail going across the sky. It was moving like hell," he said.

"The tail vanished but the red light continued to move at the same speed until it disappeared in the eastern sky."

Yesterday an official from the Federal Aviation Administration said nothing had been picked up at Logan Airport either visibly or by radar.

Quincy police said they received six calls last night from residents claiming to have witnessed the same phenomenon.